



TOWN OF WEST HARTFORD

AGENDA

West Hartford Clean Energy Commission

May 17, 2017

7:00 PM

Rm 405

1. Roll Call – 7:06 PM

Member	Present	Alternates	Present
Catherine Diviney	X	Robert Palmer	
Chris Nelson	X	Dave Mello	X
Joe Campanella	X	Vacant	
Bernie Pelletier	X		
Max Dubuisson			
Total	(3 needed for quorum)		
Additional Attendees	Dan Tavelli, Jim Henkel		

2. Approval of Minutes - approved

- March 13, 2017
- April 17, 2017 - Real Estate Agents Recycle, Janet Tanner and Mary Millican

3. Communications/Administration

- Summer Intern – Jack Wright starting June 8.
- Commission Alternate – vacancy update
2 applicants – Stephanie Wnuck & James Capella. Chris will circulate their answers to questions and “members” will vote via email. Decision for next meeting.

4. Ongoing Business

- (Hotel LEED)
- How-to-Festival – report
Successful – steady traffic. Great photos of Jim, Joe and Bernie posted on website.
- Celebrate WH – Sat-Sun, June 10-11 volunteers needed
Catherine to email around sign-up again. We do not have booth assignment yet. We will have free LEDs, light bulb display & battery. Might have solar panel. Solarize will also send someone.
- Potential business outreach initiative with CT Green Bank
Focused more on C-Pace. Memorandum of Understanding being reviewed by legal. To-date: No C-Pace projects done in WH. Joe meet with Mike Mahoney (local property manager). He liked C-Pace but had some reservations about C-Pace financing information being public information.
We should also think about Small Business outreach; smaller projects will not be part of this.
Dave Mello mentioned that 2 senior retirement living communities in Bloomfield are installing renewable energy. Seabury – geothermal & solar and Duncaster – solar.
- 100PercentCT Project Update – June 19th meeting
Joint Eversource/Simsbury meeting on microgrid...West Hartford (Bernie, Catherine, Jack – intern) to attend. Simsbury is smaller and will have decision makers at the table.

f. (Website – content update www.westhartfordct.gov/cleanenergy)

g. Solarize with Faith – Finalizing letter.

5. New Business

a. WH Community TV – June 1?

30 min taping on John Bonee show. Catherine/Bernie & a few slides. Will focus on the Commission, less on Town operations.

b. Business Outreach Efforts

Joe met with Mike Mahoney, offered to act as resource. How can we push SBEA? Catherine distributed new business cards for WH-CEC.

c. Solar RFP – King Philip, Morley, Town Hall, Fernridge

Catherine indicated Town is issuing RFP for more solar PPA (power purchase agreement) projects on any new roofs. Timeline is short to co-inside with Eversource ZREC auction. Potential at Fernridge to offset all the electric use annually (net-zero).

d. Town-wide (residents included) Electricity Rate Procurement

Bernie had read an article about MA and asked if towns in CT ever bundle residents in electricity rate procurement deals. Catherine indicated that Wethersfield was very active in this area in the past (5-6 yrs ago), but there is potential for residents to 'lock-in' and then be unhappy with Town if rates go down. West Hartford's stance has always been the Town does not want to be involved in residential procurement. CT residents can go to www.energizeCT.com and compare different rates and even elect a higher renewable energy %.

e. Heat-Pump Video

Bernie mentioned Green Star Energy Solutions as a good site to understand the value proposition of heat pumps and energy efficiency: <http://www.gogreenstar.com>

Video is here: <https://youtu.be/dyEd2jiKQNomax>. The reason I like this video is that it is: 1) done on an old complex building; 2) results in large energy savings; 3) while it is not "Midnight Oil" — I even like the music.

6. Adjournment – 8:28 PM

Celebrate WH Sign-Up

Time	Sat – June 10	Sun – Jun 11
Setup	Catherine	First person retrieve lightbulb display and battery from Town Hall lobby
10-12	Catherine	
12-2	Joe	Bernie
2-4	Chris?	Jack Wright (intern)/Max
4-6		Dan
Take Down	Last person – store lightbulb display and battery in Town Hall lobby, ask for Marc Blanchard or any person at TH entrance in red Leisure Services shirt	Last person - either take everything with you, or ask for Marc Blanchard or any person red Leisure Services shirt to let you leave it in Town Hall, my office Rm 204 or elsewhere